



# Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies

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## Newsletter

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### A.G.M. Report

The President, Mrs Diane Ridsdale was unable to attend due to illness  
The meeting was conducted by the Chairman Mr. Roger Austin.

Roger opened the meeting by thanking all those in attendance, numbers were similar to previous years but it would be nice to see more members making the effort to attend, and then continued with his report :-

The President has indicated that she would like to remain in office.

Membership continues to remain fairly stable, this year we have lost three societies but have gained one, but some subscriptions still remain outstanding so this could change.

Both the Summer and Autumn Shows were a great success, particularly the Summer Show. The marquee area provided by the KCAS for our show was much larger than anything previous, but with a lot of show bench adjustments and the ever increasing numbers of exhibitors, the show went without any hiccups, Max. along with her team are to be congratulated.

The Autumn Show goes from strength to strength now that the exhibitors are used to the Sunday only format. Exhibitors and exhibits increase year by year and the numbers of visitors last year was a record high.

Roger then went on by talking of the sad loss of Jack Wilkins who died in August last year. Jack, who during his time with the Federation, along with his wife June, made huge contributions to the Federation which in part is due to our presence here today.

The Chairman then spoke of the sudden death of Neil Lawrence. Neil who was only voted onto the Federation Committee at the 2014 A.G.M. died at the end of April. Neil like Jack had many friends which was proven by the huge numbers of mourners at their funerals

Neil gave a lot of his time to the Federation particularly at the Summer Show with his parents Bob and Phyl. Neil was a keen exhibitor with his plants, but his main interest other than tractors, farm machinery and horticultural tools, was daffodils, which bought him a number of prizes.

Both Jack and Neil are missed by many.

The Federation commissioned a trophy in memory of Neil. The Trophy has been designed and made in quality wood by Neil's family friend and committee member Roy Wall. The vase-style trophy also includes a lone daffodil, expertly carved in wood by our Chairman – a fitting tribute. This award will be presented annually to the winner of the "Best Exhibit" at the Mini Spring Show.

Our new Treasurer Keith Budden presented his first report and was pleased to confirm that the Federation made a surplus of almost £620.00 for the year ending December 2014. This was due entirely to the £690.00 received from the 100Plus Club, without this contribution there would have been a shortfall of £70.00. The need to find additional sponsors and increase the memberships of the 100Plus Club is needed to keep subscriptions at their current levels.

*The Treasurers complete report including his balance sheet circulated at this meeting, is available on request from the Secretary.*

Regretfully despite of the Chairman`s plea for more committee members, no volunteers came forward. Therefore there were no changes to the Officers and Committee members. All were re-elected unopposed and remain as published in the Federation Handbook.

The lucky winner of this year`s 'Small Society Grant' for £100.00 was Appledore Gardeners` Society.

Chris Stewart gave a brief Health and Safety talk about the need to wear Safety Goggles when working in the garden and doing other chores which was listened to with great interest

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.15pm.  
and invited all to enjoy a Buffet Lunch and take part in the Raffle.

There were a number of sales tables:- Max. with her home-made chutneys and new chutney jars and lids with huge savings.

Denis Vickers very generously donated a number of boxes of various brassicas.

Jean Wildin gave a display of her wonderful embroidery.

Chris Stewart also had a very interesting stand showing members the types of tools that he collects for a charity called WorkAid. These tools, sewing and knitting machines are all renovated and then sent out to enable deprived people in Africa to earn a living. They are only given these tools after completing a training course.

The Mini Spring Show "Best in Show" was awarded to Steve Pitcher from Deal for his Red Hot Poker ( Kniphofia ) Flamenco plant.



Steve is pictured here being presented with the 'Neil Lawrence Memorial Trophy' by Bob Lawrence.

Picture by courtesy of Vic Coleman

## Musings of a Travelling Speaker

Unless we get some late cold weather, this has been a mild winter, allowing some plants to get ahead and flower early. One such plant in my garden is the Mimosa, an Australian native called Wattle over here. This delicate leaved Evergreen Tree has been providing yellow flowers in mid spring and is hardy in most parts of the country.

The one to try is Acacia Dealbata, although there are several others including Acacia Pravissima.

How plants grow and thrive can vary even within various parts of the county. On the coast one expects to see grey foliage plants doing well. Many of these come from Mediterranean regions, a common example being Lavender, both English and French. These plants like good drainage and sun, other examples being Cotton Lavender (Santolina) and the lovely white flowering, grey leaved Convolvulus Cneorum. This often sulks in heavy soil, and one of the best examples I know shows you what it likes. If visiting Sissinghurst Castle gardens, go through the archway from where you can climb up the Tower for an aerial view of the gardens. Turn right and look up.. Growing out of the wall, 10ft up, is a large Convolvulus Cneorum which has been there for twenty years. Drainage, sun, little water – it loves it!

I seem to have several talks this winter on Herbaceous Plants. Obviously these are popular because of the colour they bring, the fact that many can be increased by division (plants for free!) and they are cheaper to buy than shrubs in your local garden centre. My problem is that there are relatively few which 'do it' in the period. So think Helleborus, Iris Unguicularis (Algerian Iris) and you soon run out. Thus as a speaker you rely on slides, which do help but can be a bit soporific – put the lights out and have a snooze! I think this is why as professionals we do try to mix it up a bit with more off-beat examples shown, otherwise it is plant after plant. I always try to take both plants and materials along for audience members to see and sometimes take a cutting away. Also it is an insurance policy as once in a blue moon the projector fails and you have no other resources. I sometimes take plants for sale from a small local nursery which are snapped up, although I try hard not to 'compete' if the society relies on its own plant sales for income. Of course the regular supplementary income for societies is the raffle, which increasingly has so many prizes that the cry 'put it back' is a regular occurrence.

Very occasionally I speak on The Family of the Rose, although I am not a Rosarian and gather that there are now very few speakers who are. This considerably widens it as it includes most of our fruits such as Apples, Plums, Cherry, Peach, Strawberry & Raspberry and numerous ornamentals such as Potentilla, Flowering Quince, Cotoneaster, Cherry, Portuguese Laurel, Rowan and Whitebeam. If they all became susceptible to some fatal disease our gardens would be bereft. Think of Dutch Elm Disease and Fireblight, which did kill many in the Rose Family. This latter disease is bacterial and there are no controls for these in the UK.

On a happier note, I am sure that the recent weather (I am writing in mid-march) will have cheered people up, so seedlings will be thriving, the lawn will be mown (did the mower start after its winter in the shed?) and the garden will soon be awash with colour.

Happy Gardening and Happy Easter.

Hilary Newman M.Hort. ( RHS )

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## Aldington & Bonnington Gardening Society

If you haven't visited Aldington's Shows, they are something not to be missed. We had the privilege to judge there in 2014. The presentation was immaculate. Pristine and polished is how I would describe it, the food was good too! I felt by walking into the Hall I was making it dirty. Margaret Gibbs and her team are to be congratulated.

Pat Westagate

## Pat`s Pantry

### SPICEY EASTER SCONES

#### Ingredients

Eight Heaped Tablespoons of Plain Flower  
One teaspoon Bi-carbonate of Soda  
Two Teaspoons of Cream of Tartar  
Two Heaped Tablespoons of Icing Sugar  
Two Teaspoons of Mixed Spice  
A good pinch of Salt  
¼ pint of Evaporated Milk  
4ozs Finely Chopped Mixed Peel  
4ozs Good Butter

#### Method

Seive all dry ingredients into a bowl, add peel and butter, work with hands until all is combined to a breadcrumb texture. Add milk, mix with hands, as all scones to a dough. Roll out to ¼ inch thick, cut with fluted cutter 2 - 2½ins diameter. Bake on hot temperature Gas Mark 9 until golden. Whilst scones are cooking, warm up and dissolve two tablespoons granulated sugar and two tablespoons of water in a saucepan to make a syrup. Remove scones from oven when cooked, paint each one ( Top Only ) with the hot syrup, pop them back into the oven for seconds only to set the glaze. Left to long the glaze will bubble and burn instantly ( black ).

Eat these scones split open and toasted, buttered with just a smidge of Marmalade.

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## 100Plus Club

### **HAVE YOU OR YOUR SOCIETY JOINED YET ?**

**Tickets for the 2015 draws are NOW available.**

**Your support in helping the Federation raise funds  
is much appreciated.**

**Join at any time your number/s will be put into the next draw following your application.**

**ONE ( ticket ) UNIT FOR 12 MONTHS COSTS JUST £12.00**

**100 UNITS = £50 IN MONTHLY CASH PRIZES**

**GUARANTEED THREE CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH**

**Each £1.00 contributes 50 pence to our club funds.**

**Please ring 01732 844071 or e-mail [rich.KFHS@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:rich.KFHS@blueyonder.co.uk)  
for an application form**

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## RESULTS

### Results of the January Draw 2015

#### Congratulations

1 <sup>st</sup>	£31.75	No.11	Mrs.J.BRYANT, EASTLING
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£19.05	No.68	Mrs.J.WILKINS, SHORNE
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12.70	No.34	COBHAM GARDENERS` SOCIETY

### Results of the February Draw 2015

#### Congratulations

1 <sup>st</sup>	£31.75	No.50	Mr.A.STONE, ST.PAULS CRAY
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£19.05	No.76	Mr.P.TAYLOR, LYMINGE
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12.70	No.106	SANDHURST & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### Results of the March Draw 2015

#### Congratulations

1 <sup>st</sup>	£31.75	No.17	Mrs.M.OWLETT, RIVER
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£19.05	No.70	Mr.R.SIMMONS, MAIDSTONE
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12.70	No.31	Mrs.D.GOLDER, MINSTER

**Thank you all for your support**

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## Shows & Plant Sales Dates

	Societies	Venue	Time	Open Show
<b>APRIL</b>				
Saturday 4th	Acol Horticultural Society	Acol Village Hall	14.30 – 16.30	Yes
	Eastchurch Garden Society	Eastchurch Village Hall	9.30	Yes
	Eynsford Gardening Club	Eynsford Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Great Mongeham Horticultural Society	Great Mongeham Parish Hall	19.30	No
	Hoath & District Gardening Society	Hoath Village Hall	20.00	Yes
	Hawkhurst Horticultural Society	Primary School Hall, Rye Road	14.30	No
	Lyminge Gardeners` Society	Tayne Centre, Church Road, Lyminge	14.00	Yes
	Maidstone Horticultural Society	Baptist Church Hall, Knightrider Street, ME15 6LU	13.30 – 16.00	Yes
	Nailbourne Horticultural Society	Bridge Village Hall , CT4 5JZ	11.00 – 13.30	No
	Northbourne & Bettshanger Horticultural Society	Northbourne Parish Hall <span style="color: red;">Open children`s section</span>	14.00	No
Tuesday 7th	Beltinge Gardens Society	Reculver & Beltinge Memorial Hall	19.30	No
	Hartley & District Horticultural Society	All Saints Church Centre	20.00	No
	Rainham ( Kent ) Horticultural Society	Berengrove Cricket Clubhouse, Berengrove, Rainham	19.30	No
Wednesday 8th	Birchington Horticultural Society	The Centre, Alpha Road, Birchington	19.30 – 21.15	Yes
	Ightham & District Gardeners` Club	Ightham Village Hall	18.00	Yes
Thursday 9th	Wincheap & District Allotments Association	Worthgate Scout Hall, Heaton Road, Canterbury, CT1 3PY	15.00 – 17.00	Yes
Saturday 11th	Bethersden Gardeners` Society	Bethersden Village Hall	18.30	Yes

	Bidborough Gardening Association	Bidborough Village Hall <b>with Plant Sale</b>	14.30	Yes
	Borden & District Horticultural Society	Borden Parish Hall	15.00	No
	Boughton & Eastwell Gardening Club	Iron Room, Boughton Aluph	14.00	No
	Cobham Gardeners` Society	The Meadow Rooms, Cobham	14.00	Yes
	Eastry Horticultural Society	Eastry Village Hall	14.00	No
	Hever Rose & Horticultural Society	Hever Village Hall	14.00 – 16.00	Yes
	Hougham Gardeners` Club	West Hougham Village Hall	14.30	No
	Kilndown Gardening Club	Kilndown Village Hall <b>with Plant Sale</b>	14.30	Yes
	Lamberhurst Gardeners` Association	Memorial Hall, Lamberhurst	14.30 – 16.30	Yes
	Lower Hardres & Nackington Gardeners` Society	Lower Hardres & Nackington Village Hall	15.00	Yes
	Nailbourne Horticultural Society	Bridge Village Hall, CT4 5JZ <b>with Plant Sale</b>	11.00 – 15.00	Yes
	North Tonbridge Horticultural Society	St.Philip`s Church, Salisbury Road, TN10 4PB	14.00	Yes
	Pluckley Gardening Society	Pluckley Village Hall <b>with Plant Sale</b>	14.30 – 16.00	Yes
	River Gardeners` Association	River Village Hall	14.30	Yes
	Sedlescombe & District Garden Society	Sedlescombe Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Selling & District Gardeners` Association	Selling Village Hall	14.00	No
	Shorne Cottage Garden Society	Shorne Village Hall	15.00	Yes
	Weald Horticultural Society	Weald Memorial Hall	15.00	No
	Winchelsea Garden Society	The New Hall, Winchelsea	14.00	Yes
	Wittersham Horticultural Society	Wittersham Village Hall	14.30	Yes
Sunday 12th	Halling Gardening Society	Jubilee Hall, Browndens Road, Halling, ME2 1JH	14.00	Yes
	Hawkinge & District Gardeners` Club	Hawkinge Village Hall ( <b>show held jointly with Newington</b> )	14.30	Yes
	Istead Rise Gardeners` Club	The Memorial Hall, Lewis Road, Istead Rise, DA13 9JQ	14.00	Yes
	South East England Daffodil Society	Downswood Community Centre, Maidstone	14.00	Yes
Saturday 18th	Hadlow Gardeners` Society	Hadlow Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Headcorn Gardeners` Society	Headcorn Village Hall	14.00	No
	Iden & Playden Garden Society	Iden Village Hall	14.30	No
Sunday 19th	Acol H.S. & Wincheap & District A.A.	Acol Village Hall <b>Joint Show including "Afternoon Tea"</b>	14.30 – 17.00	Yes
Saturday 25th	Milstead & District Horticultural Society	Milstaead Village Hall <b>Plant Sale</b>	10.00 – 12Noon	
	National Chrysanthemum Society ( Southern Group )	R.H.S. Hyde Hall, Essex <b>Plant Sale</b>	9.00 – 17.00	
	National Chrysanthemum Society ( Southern Group )	Hadlow College, Mottingham, Kent <b>Plant Sale</b>	10.00 – 16.00	
	Ninfield Horticultural Society	Ninfield Memorial Hall <b>Plant Sale</b>	9.00 – 11.00	
Sunday 26th	National Auricula & Primula Society ( Kent Group)	Sutton Valence Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	National Chrysanthemum Society ( Southern Group )	R.H.S. Hyde Hall, Essex <b>Plant Sale</b>	9.00 – 17.00	
MAY				
Saturday 2nd	Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society	Crowhurst Village Hall <b>Plant Sale</b>	9.00 – 12Noon	
	Hawkinge & District Gardeners` Society	Hawkinge Village Hall <b>Plant Sale</b>	9.00	
	Kent Dahlia Society	Otford Village Memorial Hall <b>Plant Sale</b>	9.30 – 11.30	
	Staplehurst Horticultural Society	Staplehurst Village Centre, North Hall <b>Plant Sale</b>	9.00 – 12Noon	
	Stockbury Cottage Gardeners` Association	Stockbury Village Hall <b>Plant Sale</b>	9.30 – 13.30	
	Waltham Gardeners` Society	Waltham Village Hall <b>Plant Sale</b>	10.00	
Thursday 7th	Bexhill Horticultural Society	Pebsham Community Centre <b>Plant Sale</b>	10.00	

Saturday 9th	Beltinge Gardens Society	Reculver & Beltinge Memorial Hall	Plant Sale	9.00 – 12Noon	
	Cowden & District Horticultural Society	Cowden Memorial Hall	Plant Sale	10.30 – 12Noon	
	Faversham Horticultural Society	Age UK Car Park, Cresent Road, Faversham	Plant Sale	9.00	
	Hever Rose & Horticultural Society	Hever Village Hall	Plant Sale	11.00	
	Little Common Horticultural Society	St.Martha`s Church Hall, Birkdale, Bexhill-on-Sea	Plant Sale	10 – 12Noon	
	National Chrysanthemum Society ( Southern Group )	Hadlow College, Cozenton Park, Rainham , Kent	Plant Sale	9.00 – 17.00	
	National Vegetable Society ( Kent District Assoc.)	Cozenton Nursery, Rainham	Plant Sale	10.00 – 17.00	
	Northiam Horticultural Society	Northiam Village Hall	Plant Sale	14.00	
	Sedlescombe & District Garden Society	Sedlescombe Village Hall	Plant Sale	10.30 – 12.30	
	Underriver Horticultural Society	Absoloms Farm, Underriver	Plant Sale	10.30	
	Weald Horticultural Society	Weald Memorial Hall	Plant Sale	9.30 – 11.00	
	Sunday 10th	National Vegetable Society ( Kent District Assoc.)	Cozenton Nursery, Rainham	Plant Sale	10.00 – 17.00
Saturday 16th	Aldington & Bonnington Gardening Society	Aldington Village Hall	Plant Sale	10.00 – 12Noon	
	Falconwood & District Horticultural Society	Falconwood Community Centre, The Green, Welling	Plant Sale	9.00 – 12Noon	
	National Chrysanthemum Society ( Southern Group )	Hadlow College, Canterbury, Kent	Plant Sale	9.00 – 17.00	
	Whitstable & District Horticultural Society	St.Alphege Church , High Street, Whitstable	Plant Sale	10.00 – 12Noon	
Wednesday 20th	Battle Floral & Horticultural Society	Battle Memorial Hall	Plant Sale	19.15	
Saturday 23rd	Tenterden & District Horticultural Society	Market Square Cellars, Tenterden ( Off Waitrose Car Park )	Plant Sale	10.00 – 15.00	
Saturday 30th	Pembury Gardeners` Society	Pembury Village Green	Plant Sale	8.45 – Noon	
	Stockbury Cottage Gardeners` Association	Stockbury Village Hall	Plant Sale	11.00 – 16.00	
Sunday 31st	Northbourne & Bettshanger Horticultural Society	Northbourne Parish Hall	Plant Sale & Coffee Morning	10.00 – 13.00	
<b>SUMMER</b>					
<b>JUNE</b>					
Thursday 4th	Istead Rise Gardeners` Club	The Memorial Hall, Lewis Road, Istead Rise, DA13 9JQ		18.45	Yes
Friday 5th	Hawkhurst Horticultural Society	Copthall, Copthall Avenue, Hawkhurst	Plant Sale	19.00	
Saturday 6th	Herne Horticultural & Rose Society	Herne Windmill	Plant Sale	10.00 – 16.00	
	Kent Dahlia Society	Otford Village Memorial Hall	Plant Sale	9.30 – 11.30	
	Mottingham Horticultural Society	Methodist Church, Mottingham Road	Plant Sale	9.30 – 12Noon	
Saturday 13th	Cobham Gardeners` Society	The Meadow Rooms, Cobham		14.00	Yes
	Eynsford Gardening Club	Eynsford Village Hall		14.00	Yes
	Faversham Horticultural Society	West Faversham Community Centre, Bysing Wood Road		12Noon	Yes
	Iden & Playden Garden Society	Iden Village Hall		14.30	No
	Shoreham Horticultural Society	Shoreham Village Hall		14.00 – 15.00	Yes
	Winchelsea Garden Society	The New Hall, Winchelsea		10.30	Yes
	Wittersham Horticultural Society	Wittersham Village Hall	Rose & Sweet Pea Show	14.30	Yes
Tuesday 16th	Smarden Gardeners` Society	Smarden Charter Hall	Rose Show	19.00 – 21.00	No
	Staplehurst Horticultural Society	Staplehurst Village Centre, TN12 0BJ	Members Rose Show	20.00	No

Saturday 20th	Eastry Horticultural Society	Eastry Village Hall	14.00	No
	Farningham & District Horticultural Society	Farningham Village Hall <b>Rose &amp; Handicraft Show</b>	14.30	No
	Headcorn Gardeners` Society	Headcorn Village Hall	14.00	No
	Hever Rose & Horticultural Society	Hever Village Hall <b>Rose Show</b>	14.00	Yes
	Mottingham Horticultural Society	Maryfield Hall, Leysdown Road, Mottingham	14.30 – 17.00	Yes
	North Tonbridge Horticultural Society	St.Philip`s Church, Salisbury Road, TN10 4PB	14.00	Yes
	Rolvenden & District Gardening Society	Rolvenden Village Hall	14.30	No
	Shorne Cottage Garden Society	Shorne Village Hall	15.00	Yes
	Sissinghurst Flower Show Society	Sissinghurst C of E Primary School	14.30	No
	Stockbury Cottage Gardeners` Association	Stockbury Village Hall	14.00 – 16.00	No
	St.Peters & Broadstairs Horticultural Society	St.Peters Church Hall, Hopeville Avenue, St.Peters, Broadstairs	11.00	Yes
	Tenterden & District Horticultural Society	Highbury Hall, Tenterden	14.30 – 16.00	No
	Upchurch Horticultural Society	Upchurch Paddock – opposite shops	14.00	Yes
	Weald Horticultural Society	Weald Memorial Hall	15.00	No
	Westerham Horticultural Society	Churchill Primary School	14.00	Yes
Sunday 21st	Kilndown Gardening Club	Quarry Centre, Kilndown <b>Plant Sale</b>	TBA	
Friday 26th	Northiam Horticultural Society	Northiam Village Hall	19.00	Yes
Saturday 27th	Aldington & Bonnington Gardening Society	Aldington Village Hall	13.00	No
	Cowden & District Horticultural Society	Cowden Memorial Hall <b>&amp; Village Fete</b>	14.30	Yes
	Bidborough Gardening Association	Bidborough Village Hall <b>with Plant Sale</b>	14.30	Yes
	Groombridge Horticultural Society	Groombridge Village Hall ( New Hall )	14.30	No
	Hildenborough Gardeners` Society	Hildenborough Village Hall	14.30	Yes
	Maidstone Horticultural Society	Baptist Church Hall, Knightrider Street, ME15 6LU	13.30 – 16.00	Yes
	Pembury Gardeners` Society	Pembury Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Selling & District Gardeners` Association	Selling Village Fete <b>with Plant Sale</b>	14.00	Yes
Stansted Horticultural Society	Fairseat Village Hall	15.00	No	
Sunday 28th	Herne Horticultural & Rose Society	Herne Church Institute Hall, Canterbury Road, CT6 7HE <b>Flower &amp; Rose Show</b>	10.00 – 16.00	Yes
JULY				
Thursday 2nd	Kilndown Gardening Club	Quarry Centre, Kilndown	19.00	Yes
Saturday 4th	Barham & District Horticultural Society	St.John the Baptist Church, Barham	14.30	Yes
	Capel-le-Ferne & Rural District Gardeners` Association	Capel Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue	14.30	Yes
	Great Mongeham Horticultural Society	Great Mongeham Parish Hall <b>Rose &amp; Sweet Pea Show</b>	10.00	No
	Hawkhurst Horticultural Society	Primary School Hall, Rye Road	14.30	No
	Paddock Wood Horticultural Society	Day Centre, Paddock Wood	14.00 – 16.00	Yes
	Strood Gardening Club	St.Nicholas Church, High Street, Strood	14.30 – 16.30	Yes
Sunday 5th	Sutton Valence Gardeners` Association	Sutton Valence Village Hall	14.15 – 16.00	Yes
Tuesday 7th	Beltinge Gardens Society	Reculver & Beltinge Memorial Hall	19.30	No
Friday 10th	<b>Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies</b>	<b>Kent County Show, Detling Showground</b>	<b>8.30 – 18.00</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Saturday 11th	Battle Floral & Horticultural Society	Battle Memorial Hall	11.30	Yes



	Borden & District Horticultural Society	Borden Parish Hall	15.00	No
	Crowborough Horticultural Society	Town Fair, Goldsmiths Leisure Centre ( provisional )	13.00	Yes
	Hoath & District Gardening Society	Hoath Village Hall	14.30	Yes
	<b>Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies</b>	<b>Kent County Show, Detling Showground</b>	<b>8.30 – 18.00</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	River Gardeners` Association	River Village Hall	14.30	No
	Smarden Gardeners` Society	Smarden Charter Hall	13.00 – 15.00	No
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	<b>Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies</b>	<b>Kent County Show, Detling Showground</b>	<b>8.30 – 16.30</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Saturday 18th</b>	Bethersden Gardeners` Society	Bethersden Village Hall	14.30	No
	Charing Gardeners` Society	Charing Parish Hall	14.00	Yes
	Eastchurch Garden Society	Eastchurch Village Hall	9.30	Yes
	Ightham & District Gardeners` Club	Ightham Mote	10.00	Yes
	Leeds Castle & Hollingbourne Garden Society	Hollingbourne Village Hall	14.30	Yes
	Nailbourne Horticultural Society	Bridge Village Hall, CT4 5JZ <b>with Plant Sale</b>	11.30 – 14.00	Yes
	Sedlescombe & District Garden Society	Sedlescombe Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Temple Ewell & District Produce Association	Temple Ewell Village Hall	14.00	Yes
<b>Sunday 19th</b>	Ightham & District Gardeners` Club	Ightham Mote	10.00	Yes
	Hawkinge & District Gardeners` Club	Hawkinge Village Hall	14.30	Yes
	Preston, Elmstone & Stourmouth Gardening Society	Preston Village Hall	14.00 – 16.30	Yes
<b>Saturday 25th</b>	Acol Horticultural Society	Marquee at rear of Acol Village Hall	14.30	Yes
	Gillingham & District Fuchsia & Pelargonium Society	Rainham School for Girls, Derwent Way Rainham, ME8 0BX	14.00	Yes
	Lower Hardres & Nackington Gardeners` Society	Lower Hardres & Nackington Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Newington & District Gardeners` Association	Newington Village Hall	14.30	Yes
	Underriver Horticultural Society	Underriver Village Hall	14.00	No
<b>AUGUST</b>				
<b>Saturday 1st</b>	Lyminge Gardeners` Society	Tayne Centre, Church Road, Lyminge	14.00	Yes
	Waltham Gardeners` Society	Waltham Village Hall	14.00	Yes
<b>Saturday 8th</b>	Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society	Crowhurst Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Hougham Gardeners` Club	West Hougham Village Hall	14.30	No
	Leeds & Broomfield Amateur Gardeners` Society	St.Nicholas Church Hall, Leeds <b>with Plant Sale</b>	14.00	Yes
<b>Saturday 15th</b>	Falconwood & District Horticultural Society	Falconwood Community Centre, Welling, DA16 2PG	15.00 – 17.00	Yes
	Herne Horticultural & Rose Society	Herne Church Institute Hall, Canterbury Road, CT6 7HE		
	Little Common Horticultural Society	Little Common Community Centre	14.00	Yes
	Mid Kent Fuchsia Group	Ditton Community Centre, Ditton, Aylesford, ME20 6AH <b>with Plant Sale</b>	2.15 – 4.30	No
	Ninfield Horticultural Society	Ninfield Memorial Hall	14.30	Yes
	Stockbury Cottage Gardeners` Association	Stockbury Village Hall	14.00 – 16.00	No
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	Woodnesborough Gardeners` Club	Woodnesborough Village Hall ( to be confirmed )	14.00	Yes
<b>Monday 17th</b>	Swanley & District Garden Club	Clocktower Pavilion, Town Council Offices, St.Mary`s Road	19.30	No
<b>Saturday 22nd</b>	Eastry Horticultural Society	Eastry Village Hall	14.00	No

	Hever Rose & Horticultural Society	Hever Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Mottingham Horticultural Society	Eltham College Refectory, Mottingham	14.30 – 17.00	Yes
Saturday 29th	Bexhill Horticultural Society	Pebsham Community Centre	14.00	Yes
	High Halstow & District Gardening Club	High Halstow Village Hall	9.30	Yes
	Milstead & District Horticultural Society	Milstead Village Hall	14.30	Yes
	Rainham ( Kent ) Horticultural Society	Rainham Methodist Hall, Wakeley Road, ME8 7PR	14.00 – 16.00	No
	Stansted Horticultural Society	Faireseat Village Hall	15.00	No
Monday 31st	Great Mongeham Horticultural Society	Great Mongeham Parish Hall	8.00	Yes
<b>AUTUMN</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Tuesday 1st	Beltinge Gardens Society	Reculver & Beltinge Memorial Hall	19.30	No
	Selling & District Gardeners` Association	Selling Village Hall	19.30	No
	Smarden Gardeners` Society	Smarden Charter Hall	19.00 – 21.00	No
Thursday 3rd	Istead Rise Gardeners` Club	The Memorial Hall, Lewis Road, Istead Rise, DA13 9JQ	18.45	Yes
Saturday 5th	Aldington & Bonnington Gardening Society	Aldington Village Hall	13.00	No
	Bidborough Gardening Association	Bidborough Village Hall <b>with Plant Sale</b>	14.30	Yes
	Capel-le-Ferne & Rural District Gardeners` Association	Capel Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue	14.30	Yes
	Cowden & District Horticultural Society	Cowden Memorial Hall	14.30	Yes
	Farningham & District Horticultural Society	Farningham Village Hall <b>Flower,Fruit &amp; Home Produce Show</b>	14.00	No
	Faversham Horticultural Society	West Faversham Community Centre, Bysing Wood Road	12 Noon	Yes
	Godmersham & Crundale Gardeners` Association	Godmersham & Crundale Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Harrietsham Gardening Society	Harrietsham Village Hall	14.30	No
	Hawkhurst Horticultural Society	Primary School Hall, Rye Road	14.30	No
	Hurst Green Gardening Club	St.Agather`s Hall, Hurst Green, Surrey	14.00	Yes
	Leigh Village Horticultural Society	Marquee, Leigh Village Green	14.00	Yes
	Maidstone Horticultural Society	Baptist Church Hall, Knightrider Street, ME15 6LU	13.30 – 16.00	Yes
	Mottingham Horticultural Society	Methodist Church, Mottingham Road <b>Plant Sale</b>	9.30 – 12Noon	
	Northbourne & Bettshanger Horticultural Society	Northbourne Parish Hall	14.00 – 16.00	Yes
	Northiam Horticultural Society	Northiam Village Hall	14.30	Yes
	North Tonbridge Horticultural Society	St.Philip`s Church, Salisbury Road, TN10 4PB	14.00	Yes
	Paddock Wood Horticultural Society	St.Andrew`s Church Hall, Paddock Wood	14.00 – 16.00	Yes
	Pluckley Gardening Society	Pluckley Village Hall	14.30 – 16.00	Yes
	River Gardeners` Association	River Village Hall	14.30	Yes
	Rolvenden & District Gardening Society	Rolvenden Village Hall	14.30	No
	Rye Allotments Association	Rye Community Centre	14.00 – 16.00	Yes
	Shorne Cottage Garden Society	Shorne Village Hall	15.00	Yes
	Staplehurst Horticultural Society	Staplehurst Village Centre, North Hall	14.00 – 16.00	Yes
	Tenterden & District Horticultural Society	Highbury Hall, Tenterden	14.30 – 16.00	No
	Tunstall Gardeners` Society	Tunstall Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Twydall Village Garden Club	Gillingham Labour Hall, Twydall Lane, Gillingham <b>with Plant Sale</b>	14.00 – 16.00	No
	Weald Horticultural Society	Weald Memorial Hall	15.00	No
	Winchelsea Garden Society	The New Hall, Winchelsea	14.00	Yes
Sunday 6th	Barming Horticultural Society	Barming Village Hall	14.30 – 15.30	No

	Eynsford Gardening Club	Eynsford Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Halling Gardening Society	Jubilee Hall, Browndens Road, Halling, ME2 1JH	14.00	Yes
	Kent Dahlia Society	Oxford Village Memorial Hall	14.00	Yes
	Sutton Valence Gardeners` Association	Sutton Valence Village Hall	14.15 – 16.00	Yes
Wednesday 9th	Hartley & District Horticultural Society	All Saints Church Centre	20.00	No
	Ightham & District Gardeners` Club	Ightham Village Hall	18.00	Yes
Saturday 12th	Battle Floral & Horticultural Society	Battle Memorial Hall	11.30	Yes
	Bethersden Gardeners` Society	Bethersden Village Hall	14.30	No
	Borden & District Horticultural Society	Borden Parish Hall	15.00	No
	Boughton & Eastwell Gardening Club	Iron Room, Boughton Aluph	14.00	No
	Eastchurch Garden Society	Eastchurch Village Hall	9.30	Yes
	Gillingham Horticultural Society	United Reformed Church Hall, Balmoral Road, Gillingham	14.30 – 16.30	No
	Groombridge Horticultural Society	Groombridge Village Hall ( New Hall )	14.30	No
	Hildenborough Gardeners` Society	Hildenborough Village Hall	14.30	Yes
	Hoath & District Gardening Society	Hoath Village Hall	14.30	Yes
	Iden & Playden Garden Society	Iden Village Hall	14.30	No
	Kilndown Gardening Club	Kilndown Village Hall <b>with Plant Sale</b>	14.30	Yes
	National Vegetable Society ( Kent District Assoc.)	Bridge Village Hall, Nr. Canterbury CT4 5JZ	14.00 – 17.00	No
	Pembury Gardeners` Society	Pembury Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Shoreham Horticultural Society	Shoreham Village Hall	14.00 – 15.00	Yes
	St.Dunstan`s Horticultural Society	Ashford Road Community Association Hall, Canterbury	13.00	Yes
	Strood Gardening Club	St.Nicholas Church, High Street, Strood	14.30 – 16.30	Yes
	Upchurch Horticultural Society	Upchurch Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Westerham Horticultural Society	Churchill Primary School	14.00	Yes
Wittersham Horticultural Society	Wittersham Village Hall	14.30	Yes	
Sunday 13th	National Vegetable Society ( Kent District Assoc.)	Bridge Village Hall, Nr. Canterbury CT4 5JZ	14.00 – 17.00	No
Tuesday 15th	Charing Gardeners` Society	Charing Parish Hall	14.00	Yes
	Herne Horticultural & Rose Society	Herne Church Institute Hall, Canterbury Road, CT6 7EH	19.30 - 21.30	Yes
Saturday 19th	Cobham Gardeners` Society	The Meadow Rooms, Cobham	14.00	Yes
	Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society	Crowhurst Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Hadlow Gardeners` Society	Hadlow Village Hall	14.00	Yes
	Meopham Gardeners` Association	Meopham Village Hall, Wrotham Road, DA13 0AT	15.00	No
	National Chrysanthemum Society ( Southern Group )	Bletchingley Village Hall, Surrey	14.00 – 16.00	Yes
	Sissinghurst Flower Show Society	Sissinghurst C of E Primary School	14.30	No
	Temple Ewell & District Produce Association	Temple Ewell Village Hall	14.00	Yes
Sunday 20th	Hawkinge & District Gardeners` Club	Hawkinge Village Hall	14.30	Yes
	Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies	Ditton Community Centre, Ditton, Aylesford, ME2 6AH	13.30	Yes
Friday 25th	Herne Horticultural & Rose Society	The Institute Hall, Canterbury Road, Herne	19.00 – 21.00	Yes
Saturday 26th	Acol Horticultural Society	Marquee at rear of Acol Village Hall	14.30	Yes
	Alpine Society – East Kent Group	Rainham School for Girls, Derwent Way, Rainham , ME8 0BX <b>with Plant Sale</b>	12Noon – 16.00	Yes

Headcorn Gardeners` Society	Headcorn Village Hall	14.00	No
Leeds Castle & Hollingbourne Garden Society	Hollingbourne Village Hall	14.30	Yes
Newington & District Gardeners` Association	Newington Village Hall	14.30	Yes
Sedlescombe & District Garden Society	Sedlescombe Village Hall	14.00	Yes

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Thursday 1st	Stockbury Cottage Gardeners` Association	Stockbury Village Hall	<b>Members Only</b>	20.00	No
Friday 2nd	Hawkhurst Horticultural Society	Copthall, Copthall Avenue, Hawkhurst	<b>Plant Sale</b>	19.00	
Saturday 3rd	Lower Hardres & Nackington Gardeners` Society	Lower Hardres Village Hall		15.00	Yes
Wednesday 7th	Great Mongeham Horticultural Society	Great Mongeham Parish Hall		19.25	No
Saturday 24th	Upchurch Horticultural Society	Upchurch Village Hall		14.00	Yes
Sunday 25th	National Chrysanthemum Society ( Southern Group )	Westerham Hall, Quebec Road, Westerham, TN16 1BF		14.00 – 16.00	Yes
	South East Orchid Society	Ashford Rail Staff Club		14.00 – 17.00	Yes

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